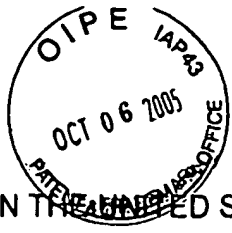


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In response to the final Official Action of July 6, 2005, in which the three-month shortened statutory period for responding thereto runs to October 6, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this Response.